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## CONDOS

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One of the few remaining original homes. *PH10*



# CONDO *meets* CATWALK

The inimitable fashion designer Karl Lagerfeld brings his signature style to the lobbies at the Art Shoppe Condos and Lofts

*By Iris Benaroya*

Karl Lagerfeld flanked by Peter Freed and Jordan Dermer.

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Developments. Lagerfeld has been commissioned to design the lobbies. It's his first project in Toronto and his first time in Canada.

A can of Diet Coke waits for him next to a glass. He sits on a stool, spry, like it's no big deal. He's 81 or 82. No one knows for sure.

It's a nice little rest here, Lagerfeld says of the suite.

So you're not into parties? I ask.

Not really, but it's part of the game. You get used to it. You get used to jail if you have to. I didn't know Canadian parties were that wild. It's strange. I got a massage going through the crowds.

Lagerfeld has a comedian's timing. He's his own one-man show, preternaturally skilled at hurtling one liners. Without prompting, he announces that his high-maintenance Birman cat is the most famous cat in the world. The famous Choupette. She's a personality. She hates other animals. She hates cats. She hates children.

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“ If I go to a place, I need a professional reason a fashion show or something, where I am involved in the daily life of the city. I m not a tourist  
 □ Karl Lagerfeld, designer

## New metallics add subtle swank and shimmer

### MIX NOT MATCH

By LINDSEY M. ROBERTS

Metallic accents copper, brass, silver and platinum are having a moment in today's interiors. They create a feel of relaxed luxury, says Wisteria head designer Marlene Kennedy, by adding sophistication without pretension.

When used sparingly, these metals can also help make gilded heirlooms look expertly eclectic in modern rooms.

So many people inherit amazing pieces from parents or grandparents. People want to keep those treasured items, but they want to freshen them up with new pieces, Kennedy says. To achieve this, she suggests mixing metals: Pair your grandmother's gold antique sunburst mirror with something that's burnished brass, silver or pure iron, and the mirror goes from dated and traditional to fresh and hip.

The trick is not to go crazy with too many pieces or too many types of metals. As Kristin Peake, an interior designer in Rockville, Md., says:

Whether it's metallic or colour, you want it to be subtle. You want it to be the surprise of the space. And as a bonus, metallics, like mirrors, reflect light and can help a room feel spacious. Here are some favourites.

■ **Metallics** can add that dash of swank that helps make a room feel more composed. **Hammered metal**, especially, elevates neutral furnishings, Kennedy says. Try shiny pendants such as Original BTC's Stanley Pendant in brass, copper or nickel over a white table or tablecloth in the dining room (\$598-\$898 [all prices US\$], anthropologie.com).

■ **Metal framed mirrors**, such as Wisteria's silver painted Magnolia Mirror, are one of designer Kristin Peake's top picks (\$299, wisteria.com). For other easy accents, Peake recommends metallic drapery rods, drum tables and art. For a cohesive look, choose your materials based on the warm or cool tones of a room's color palette, Kennedy says.

■ Another bright idea from Peake: Use a **modern metal shade**, such as the hand finished Metal Drum Lampshade from Shades of Light in pewter, gold or black, to refresh a lamp (\$89, shadesoflight.com). It's cool to use a different type of lamp shade than fabric or linen, she says.

■ Why shouldn't plants get the golden touch? Use a West Elm four inch **Metallic Planter** to add sparkle to a tabletop or bookshelf vignette (\$12, westelm.com). Or, for a more glamorous statement, line a few up in a row.

■ **Nailhead trim** gives textiles and furniture a layer of understated metallic detail, Peake says. See the Lissa Nailhead Chest, made of hardwood and canvas and accented with solid brass nailheads (\$3,399, horchow.com).

■ Sometimes gold can come across as pretentious and stuffy, Kennedy says. So **stay away from big, gold statements** and go for softer, smaller items, such as glassware and textiles; Peake is partial to drapery with nailhead trim, for example. Pillows are a good choice. Room & Board's Shimmer Pillows come in a subtle gold, taupe, copper or silver (\$99, roomandboard.com).

■ Kennedy and Peake recommend **mixing metals** but caution it may take some trial and error to get it right. A good rule of thumb, Kennedy says, is to use only one of each depending on the size and scale of the pieces, she says. Canvas Homes' Dauville Platter, in gold or platinum trim, will work in either case (\$50, canvashomestore.com).

■ **Warm materials** such as copper, gold leaf and burnished brass are now the refreshing metals of choice over the shiny 80s brass and cooler silver, Peake says. Anthropologie's Brass Mirrored Tray (\$98-\$128, anthropologie.com) has a softer, antiqued finish.

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A four inch metallic planter from West Elm



HANDOUT

The Miami style cabanas and enormous infinity edge rooftop pool will be the place to relax.

# PART OF FASHION

## CHANGE

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Snarky as she may be, Choupettes followers are faithful: 47,900 on Twitter, 59,700 on Instagram. Last year she earned three million euros in modelling contracts.

Cats are ideal companions for solitary pursuits, Lagerfeld says. When he's home in his herring bone floored Paris apartment, among his 300,000 books not to be stupid looking at the TV, but to work or to read or do collections. [Cats] don't talk and they're not dirty. They don't have to be walked in the streets.

He doesn't have time to stroll with his pet anyway—the guy is busy. Apart from unveiling his Chanel Paris Salzburg 2014/15 Metiers d'Art Show last week in New York City, he's just finished the Fendi Chateau building in Miami and has been planning a 270 room hotel in Macau that will entirely be designed by him.

Interiors are inextricably connected to fashion, Lagerfeld says. Our first thing is clothes and then the next step is the apartment—the walls, where we live, so it's part of fashion in a way too because apartments change, styles change. And I like that. My life is about change.

It's too early to say what exactly he will do in Toronto for the lobbies at the north and south ends of the architectsAlliance designed Art Shoppe Condos and Lofts; occupancy is expected for early 2019. But Lagerfeld does stress, the most important thing in a lobby is that you have a good feeling when you enter, friends [will want] to meet you there, like it's a hotel.

It took him long enough to come here and he certainly has nothing against Canadians. I

adore Justin Bieber. I think he's great. I photographed him, Lagerfeld says. If I go to a place, I need a professional reason a fashion show or something [like the lobbies] where I am involved in the daily life of the city. I'm not a tourist. Tourists are horrible. Like idiots running around on buses.

A few days later on the phone, developer Peter Freed is still buzzing from the launch party.

I've never had a 1,200 person party in my life. I was very surprised at the frenzy, he says.

Canadians are usually very chilly, even around celebrities.

Freed's condo projects in the King West neighbourhood saw such popular designers as Philippe Starck and Javier Mariscal

two acres of land.

(You may remember its iconic front windows, featuring those forlorn furniture vignettes that at night looked like an Edward Hopper painting. The store was a Toronto fixture for 75 years; the owners have since relocated the shop to the Castlefield district.)

Because the site was so big, we also had a special opportunity to do retail, Cowan says of the building, which will consist of two towers—a 34 storey north tower and a 12 storey south tower, with a shared six storey base. Interiors are by Cecconi Simone and gardens by Janet Rosenberg.

A lot of downtown condos may have a coffee shop or dry cleaner, Cowan says. We have a full size grocery store, major destination retail and restaurants.

While the shopping not to mention Karl's lobbies will likely be great at the building, the view from above will be spectacular. The condo will sport the largest probably in the country infinity edge rooftop pool. The bikini'd and the Speedo'd can hang in Miami style cabanas on daybeds before heading home through retractable walls that breezily merge the indoors with the outdoors.

The Art Shoppe Condos and Lofts is an exciting addition to Toronto. As Cowan puts it, We want people to appreciate this building for a long time. When you travel to London, New York and San Francisco, there is great culture, museums and restaurants, but the buildings also resonate. The fact that Karl Lagerfeld is designing the lobbies helps raise awareness of Toronto as a city, and leaves a lasting impression.

And that's certainly nothing to pout about.

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Karl Lagerfeld designing a lobby leaves a lasting impression

in town, too, but there's no comparison to the intensity and level of interest with Karl, he says.

It's not as sexy as couture, but the city's \$5.3 billion investment to bring a rapid transit along Eglinton has also snagged Yonge and Eglinton lots of press lately.

It's one of the few places in the GTA where rapid transit and subway will intersect, Cowan says. It's a once in a lifetime experience to be part of a premier site with such a huge frontage on Yonge Street.

We usually have a postage stamp of land to work with, Freed says, but the Art Shoppe is an entire city block on almost